

RESOURCES AND LINKS

HEALTH CARE RESOURCES - CHILDREN

AAP Department of Community Pediatrics: The Department of Community Pediatrics main page offers ways for public health and clinical practice to provide optimal care through community services, early detection screenings, training, and education. www.aap.org/commpecds/

Alabama Autism Society: <http://www.autism-alabama.org/>

Alabama Council for Developmental Disabilities: <http://acdd.org>

Alabama Department of Mental Health & Mental Retardation: <http://www.mh.state.al.us/>

ADAP - Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program: <http://www.law.ua.edu/adap/>

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and Children's Rehabilitation Service:
<http://www.rehab.state.al.us/>

Alabama Department of Education - Special Education: <http://www.alsde.edu/html>

Alabama's Early Intervention System: <http://www.rehab.state.al.us/Home>

Alabama Medicaid: <http://www.medicaid.state.al.us/>

Alabama STAR: Statewide Technology Access and Response System for Alabamians with Disabilities: <http://www.rehab.state.al.us/star/>

All Kids - State Children's Health Insurance: <http://www.adph.org/chip/>

American Academy of Pediatrics Committees: www.aap.org/visit/aapcomm.htm

American Academy of Pediatrics Links to Government Policy Organizations: Helpful information is available on this Academy site about groups with which AAP Chapters have worked in coalitions, state government organizations, information on finding statutes/regulations, health data sources, and foundations with useful resources. <http://www.aap.org/advocacy.html>

American Academy of Pediatrics Sections: www.aap.org/sections/shome.htm

Association for Community Health Improvement: is committed to its vision of community leaders everywhere creating health where people live, work and play. The Association pursues its mission to strengthen community health through education, peer networking and practical tools
<http://www.hospitalconnect.com/hospitalconnect/index.jsp>

Bright Futures (NCEMCH): guidelines for health supervision of infants, children, and adolescents. Focuses on health promotion, disease prevention, development, and growth of children and teens.
www.brightfutures.org/

Bright Futures guidelines and tools are available at:

brightfutures.aap.org/web/healthCareProfessionalstoolsAndResources.asp

Children's Defense Fund: The mission of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is to **Leave No Child Behind®** and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investment before they get sick, into trouble, drop out of school, or suffer family breakdown. CDF began in 1973 and is a private, nonprofit organization supported by foundation and corporate grants and individual donations. They have never taken government funds. www.childrensdefense.org/

Children's Health Fund: is committed to providing health care to the nation's most medically underserved children through the development and support of innovative primary care medical programs and the promotion of guaranteed access to appropriate health care for all children. www.childrenshealthfund.org

Home & Community Based Waiver Programs:

<http://www.medicaid.state.al.us/ABOUT/hcbsMatrix.pdf>

Kids Count: Since 1948, the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) has worked to build better futures for disadvantaged children and their families in the United States. The primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families. www.aecf.org/kidscount/

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (includes guidelines on hearing screening diagnosis and intervention for medical home providers): <http://www.infanthearing.org/index.html>

National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ): The National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality seeks to make dramatic improvements in the quality of care for children and adolescents. NICHQ's mission is to eliminate the gap between what is and what could be in health care for all children. www.nichq.org

NICHQ ADHD Toolkit: A set of real-world tools for primary care practitioners to use in implementing the new AAP guidelines for treating ADHD. www.nichq.org/resources/toolkit/

Olson K, Perkins J and Pate T. **Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT): Executive Summary of Children's Health under Medicaid.** National Health Law Program; 2002. A National Review of Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment. www.healthlaw.org/pubs/child1998healthxsum.html

Promoting Optimal Health for America's Children, Summary Report 1997-2001, American Academy of Pediatrics. <http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/summaryreport.pdf>

Percelay, J.M., and American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Hospital Care. **Physicians' roles in coordinating care of hospitalized children.** Pediatrics. 2003; 111:707-709. www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/abstract/111/3/707

SEAC - Special Education Action Committee: <http://home.hiwaay.net/~seachsv/>

The National Children's Health Project Network: supports a national network of pediatric programs in some of the nation's most disadvantaged rural and urban communities, basing their programs on the belief that all children deserve a medical home. www.childrenshealthfund.org/national_project.html

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services: leading America to better health, safety and well-being. <http://www.hhs.gov/>

HEALTH CARE RESOURCES - ADULT

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Alabama Council for Developmental Disabilities: <http://acdd.org>

Alabama Medicaid: <http://www.medicaid.state.al.us/>

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services: <http://www.rehab.state.al.us/>

Alabama STAR: Statewide Technology Access and Response System for Alabamians with Disabilities: <http://www.rehab.state.al.us/star/>

Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines: www.jan.wvu.edu/links/adalinks.htm

Care Coordination for People with Chronic Conditions:
http://www.partnershipforsolutions.org/DMS/files/Care_coordination.pdf

CareGuide: CareGuide is a website featuring a full range of services, articles and resources for elder care. <http://www.careguide.com/index.php>

Easter Seals Project ACTION: Accessible community transportation in our nation – promotes cooperation between the transportation industry and the disability community to increase mobility for people with disabilities, offering various resources as well as training and technical assistance.
www.projectaction.org/

Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation: A non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the nation. The Foundation is an independent voice and source of facts and analysis for policymakers, the media, the health care community, and the general public. www.kff.org

Home & Community Based Waiver Programs:
<http://www.medicaid.state.al.us/ABOUT/hcbsMatrix.pdf>

NAMI of Alabama (National Voice of Mental Illness): www.nami.org (national organization website), www.namialabama.org (state website)

National Council on the Aging (NCOA): A private, nonprofit association committed to promoting the dignity, self-determination, well-being, and contributions of older persons and to enhancing the field of aging through leadership and service, education, and advocacy. www.ncoa.org

MEDICAL HOME DEVELOPMENT

2002 AAP Policy Statement on the Medical Home (RE9262) *Pediatrics*. Vol 110, no. 1, July 2002, pp 184 – 186. <http://aappolicy.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/pediatrics;110/1/184>

Antonelli RC, Antonelli DM. **Providing a Medical Home: The Cost of Care Coordination Services in a Community-based, General Pediatric Practice.** *Pediatrics*. 2004 May; 113 (5 Suppl): 1522-8. Link: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/>

The American Academy of Pediatrics National Center of Medical Home Initiatives website: information on all aspects of establishment, coordination, assessment and maintenance of a medical home, with assessment tools, practice resources and information for pediatrics, children with special healthcare needs and transitioning . <http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/>

“Every Child Deserves a Medical Home” training materials: the medical home training curriculum was developed by over 75 authors and was a collaborative initiative of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Family Voices, the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The medical home training curriculum has been written at a national level so that communities can customize and add local information. <http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/training/materials.html>

Gutpa VB, O'Connor KG, Quezada-Gomez C: **Care Coordination Services in Pediatric Practices.** *Pediatrics* 2004 May; 113 (5 Suppl): 1517 – 2. Link: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/>

Healthy People 2010: Understanding and Improving Health U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. November 2000. www.healthypeople.gov

Institute for Family-Centered Care: The Institute serves as a central resource for both family members and members of the health care field. This site shares information, facilitates problem-solving and promotes dialogue among individuals and organizations working toward family-centered care. www.familycenteredcare.org

Medical Home Training Materials: The national framework of the curriculum's content provides great flexibility to accommodate the varying degrees of audience familiarity with the medical home concept. Each of the components can be viewed or downloaded, as well as each component in a slide show format, and all are available in English and Spanish. Each component is available in faculty and participant versions, and has appendix items that supplement its topic area. <http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/training/materials.html>

Medical Home Documentation Guidelines and Sample Forms: www.medicalhomeinfo.org/tools/doc_guide.html

Medical Home Care Plans: www.medicalhomeinfo.org/tools/assess.html

Medical Home Improvement Tools: Site has care plans, action plans and other tools for children with special health care needs that can be downloaded. www.medicalhomeimprovement.org/newtools.htm

The Medical Home Index: Center for Medical Home Improvement (CMHI) – look under “Medical Home Measurements” on website. www.medicalhomeimprovement.org/outcomes.htm

Medical Homes: Prototypes for kids can become models for all patient populations. FPReport Online, May 2004, vol. 10, no. 5. www.aafp.org/fpr/20040500/1.html

Practicing Comprehensive Care: A Physician's Operations Manual for Implementing a Medical Home for Children with Special Health Care Needs: This manual offers practical advice and suggestions to support the day-to-day operations of pediatric offices to more efficiently and effectively serve children with special health care needs. It was created through a joint effort of the Division of General Pediatrics/Institute for Community Inclusion at Children 's Hospital, Boston; The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc.; and the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau. You may download the entire manual as a pdf file at <http://www.communityinclusion.org/publications/compcare.html>

Practice resources for Medical Home (measurement tools, surveys, etc):
www.medicalhomeinfo.org/tools/med_home.html; www.medicalhomeimprovement.org/outcomes.htm
(click on "The Medical Home Index" under Medical Home Measurements).

The Center for Children with Special Needs (Medical Home Tool Kit):
<http://www.cshcn.org/resources/improving.cfm>

The National Center for Medical Home Initiatives for Children with Special Needs:
<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/>

Oregon Medical Home Project: <http://cdrc.ohsu.edu/oscshtml/medicalhome/index.html>

The National Center of Medical Home Initiatives for Children with Special Needs provides support to physicians, families, and other medical and non-medical providers who care for children with special needs so that they have access to a medical home. Includes resources, state pages, tools, training materials, screening initiatives, grant/funding opportunities, and links. <http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org>

The Future of Family Medicine: A Collaborative Project of the Family Medicine Community: Recognizing fundamental flaws in the fragmented US health care systems and the potential of an integrative, generalist approach, the leadership of 7 national family medicine organizations initiated the Future of Family Medicine (FFM) project in 2002. The goal of the project was to develop a strategy to transform and renew the discipline of family medicine to meet the needs of patients in a changing health care environment. www.annfammed.org/cgi/content/full/2/suppl_1/s3

CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines: www.jan.wvu.edu/links/adalinks.htm

Care Coordination for Children with Special Needs (AAP Recommendations):
<http://www.aap.org/policy/re9902.html>

Care Coordination for People with Chronic Conditions
http://www.partnershipforsolutions.org/DMS/files/Care_coordination.pdf

Children with Disabilities: The Children With Disabilities Web site offers families, service providers, and other interested individuals information about advocacy, education, employment, health, housing,

recreation, technical assistance, and transportation covering a broad array of developmental, physical, and emotional disabilities. <http://nichcy.org/>

Cooley, W.C., and McAllister, J.W., “**Building medical homes: improvement strategies in primary care for children with special health care needs**” *Pediatrics* 2004 May, 113 (5 Suppl): 1499 – 1506
<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/>

Early Intervention/Part C Coordinator:

Contact: www.ectac.org/contact/ptccoord.asp#AL

Web Site: www.rehab.state.al.us/Home/default.aspx?url=/Home/Services/AEIS/Main

Easter Seals Project ACTION: Accessible community transportation in our nation – promotes cooperation between the transportation industry and the disability community to increase mobility for people with disabilities, offering various resources as well as training and technical assistance.
www.projectaction.org/

Emergency Medical Services for Children: Rehabilitation and Children with Special Needs
<http://www.ems-c.org/rehab/framerehab.htm>

Family Village: <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/index.html>

Family Voices: <http://www.familyvoices.org/st/AL.htm>

NAMI of Alabama (National Voice of Mental Illness): www.nami.org (national organization website),
www.namialabama.org (state website)

National EHDI Technical Assistance System Network:
www.infanthearing.org/states/alabama/index.html

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities: NICHCY is the national information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators, and other professionals, focusing on children and youth. www.nichcy.org

MCH Library - List of Bibliographies for Children With Special Health Care Needs. Bibliography of materials from MCHLine®. This bibliography of 126 items is drawn from MCHLine®, the MCH Library online catalog, and is available with additional information at <http://www.mchlibrary.info/>

Practicing Comprehensive Care: A Physician's Operations Manual for Implementing a Medical Home for Children with Special Health Care Needs. This manual offers practical advice and suggestions to support the day-to-day operations of pediatric offices to more efficiently and effectively serve children with special health care needs. It was created through a joint effort of the Division of General Pediatrics/Institute for Community Inclusion at Children ‘s Hospital, Boston; The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc.; and the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau. You may download the entire manual as a pdf file at <http://www.communityinclusion.org/publications/compcare.html>

SEAC Parent Assistance Center: <http://home.hiwaay.net/~seachsv/>

State International Coordinating Council Chairs and Section 619 Coordinators: National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Centers www.ectac.org/contact/iccchair.asp#AL

State Waiver Information: www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/waivers/alwaiver.asp; Alabama Medicaid waiver information: <http://www.medicaid.state.al.us/ABOUT/hcbsMatrix.pdf>

Ten Year Action Plan to Achieve Community-based Systems of Care for CSN:
cshcnleaders.ichp.edu/stateplans/StatePlan_Alabama.pdf

Title V CSHCN contact information and Web site:
www.rehab.state.al.us/Home/default.aspx?url=/Home/Services/CRS/Main

Transportation: If you have any questions or concerns regarding **public transportation** for persons with disabilities, please contact the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Office of Civil Rights on our toll-free Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assistance Line at **1-888-446-4511 [Voice]**. Your questions and concerns will be addressed by the FTA ADA Officer of the Day.

SCHOOL HEALTH RESOURCES

AAP School Health Resources for Pediatricians: The information on this site is intended for pediatricians and other health professionals working in or with schools. This Web site has been developed by the AAP Section on School Health and Committee on School Health. www.schoolhealth.org/

Alabama Department of Education - Special Education: <http://www.alsde.edu/html>

The Future of Pediatric Education II: Organizing Pediatric Education to Meet the Needs of Infants, Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults in the 21st Century. *Pediatrics*. Elk Grove Village, IL, American Academy of Pediatrics; 2000. <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/105/1/S1/163.pdf>

The Office of School Health (OSH) at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center: This site contains information and resources of interest to those who are school health services personnel, school board members, school administrators, classroom personnel, staff, parents and students, school health faculty, local, state and national school health consultants and policy analysts for health and education agencies and organizations.
<http://www.uchsc.edu/schoolhealth/index.htm>

School Nurse: This web site represents the online presence of ***School Health Alert*** - the United States' most respected publisher of current school health information. School Health Alert is an independent, printed newsletter, with thousands of subscribers. Published monthly since 1986, it keeps school nurses and other interested health professionals up-to-date on the latest developments in student health services, health education and safe school environment. <http://www.schoolnurse.com/index.html>

School Health at the AAP: The AAP appoints committees that consist of experts in varied areas of child health and pediatric practice and develops the AAP positions and programs. The Committee on School Health addresses issues related to the health of children in school, develops policy statements, and is also involved in several school health projects. <http://www.schoolhealth.org/aaporg.html>

STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

State

Alabama Medicaid Agency: www.medicaid.state.al.us

CRS: www.rehab.state.al.us

Department of Insurance Website: <http://www.aldoi.org>

Legislative Website: <http://www.legislature.state.al.us>

Public Health: www.adph.org

Mental Health: state: www.mh.state.al.us;

State association of mental health boards by county: <http://www.accmhb.org/centers.htm>

State Website: <http://alabama.gov>

Federal

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: CMS is the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), they are the federal agency responsible for administering the Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance), HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments), and several other health-related programs. www.cms.hhs.gov

Department of Health and Human Services: The Department of Health and Human Services is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. www.hhs.gov/

Federal Transit Administration: www.fta.dot.gov

GAO Report on Newborn Screening: Characteristics of State Programs (March 2003)
www.gao.gov/new.items/d03449.pdf

Maternal and Child Health Bureau: Maternal and Child Health Bureau provides leadership, partnership, and resources to advance the health of all mothers, infants, children and adolescents-including families with low income levels, those with diverse racial and ethnic heritages and those living in rural or isolated areas without access to care.
www.mchb.hrsa.gov

National Institutes of Health: The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. www.nih.gov

Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC): The Office of Minority Health (OMH) established the Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC) to meet the public's need for reliable, accurate, and timely information and technical assistance on issues affecting the health of minority populations. The OMHRC has grown to become one of the nation's largest sources of minority health information. www.omhrc.gov/

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): is an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services and is recognized as the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people - at home and abroad, providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promoting health through strong partnerships. CDC serves as the national focus for developing and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and education activities designed to improve the health of the United States. www.cdc.gov

The National Quality Measures Clearinghouse™ (NQMC™): sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a Measure Index, a complete list of measure summaries available through the NQMC Web site. <http://www.qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov/resources/measureindex.aspx>

Toll-Free Federal Transit Administration Americans with Disabilities Act Assistance Line: 1-888-446-4511 (Voice); **Transit Agencies by State:** http://www.fta.dot.gov/related_links/1277_ENG_HTML.htm

HEALTH LITERACY

AMA video “**Low Health Literacy: You Can't Tell By Looking**”: <http://classes.kumc.edu/general/amaliteracy/>

Adult Literacy Resources, by area: http://slincs.coe.utk.edu/about_literacy/facts_statistics/literacy_facts_statistics.html

SCALE and Adult Literacy Resources: The Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education (SCALE) is a network of college students, adult learners, administrators, literacy practitioners and community partners working to implement and support participatory education and social change work in campus-based literacy programs. SCALE is part of the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since its inception, SCALE has continued to bring together committed people who connect their work in literacy to social justice. <http://www.readwriteact.org/adultlit.html>

Current Bibliographies in Medicine 2004 – 1: Understanding Health Literacy and its Barriers. www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/cbm/healthliteracybarriers.html#top

Directory of national and state literacy contacts: <http://www.nifl.gov/NSDirectory/alabama.htm>

AMA Foundation: The AMA has provided a leadership role on the issue of health literacy. You can order the foundation’s Health Literacy Educational Kit, the AMA’s primary tool to inform physicians, health care professionals and patient advocates. www.amafoundation.org

Association of Health Literacy with Diabetes Outcomes. Dean Schillinger, et al., *Journal of the American Medical Association*, vol. 288, no. 4, July 2002. <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/search>

Council of State Governments: The Council of State Governments, a national organization serving elected and appointed officials throughout the United States, conducted a national health literacy research project in 2002 to determine state officials’ awareness of health literacy as an issue and to identify state laws, rules or programs that assist individuals with low health literacy. Results of the survey are available this site along with information on innovative programs in the U.S. www.csg.org

Doak, et al, *Teaching Patients with Low Literacy Skills*. 2nd ed. Philadelphia: JB Lippencott, 1996.

Harvard University National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL): A site maintained by the university's school of public health which hosts information on the link to health and literacy. A video, "In Plain Language" is available to medical and public health professionals. www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy and www.ncsall.gse.harvard.edu/

Health Literacy: A Prescription to End Confusion – published by the Institute of Medicine April 8, 2004. <http://www.iom.edu/report.asp?id=19723>

"Helping Your Patients Understand" health literacy video:
<http://classes.kumc.edu/general/amaliteracy/>

The National Institute for Literacy is administered by the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, who make up the governing Interagency Group. Most of NIFL's funds support programs and services designed to improve the quality of literacy programs nationwide. www.nifl.gov

Literacy Problems and Designing Easy-to-Read Patient Materials: www.malt.cmich.edu/healthlit.htm

Medicalese -English Translator: If you've ever tried to read an article in a medical journal—or a poorly written piece of medical journalism—you know how hard it can be to understand Medicalese, a language only remotely related to English. Here are plain English translations for 500 examples of medical jargon that health editors often encounter: www.linda-andrews.com/medicalese_translator.htm

Partnership for Clear Health Communication: a coalition of national organizations that are working together to promote awareness and solutions around the issue of low health literacy and its effect on health outcomes. They have a web-based calculator that can calculate the percentage of your patient base that is likely to have health literacy problems. www.pfizerhealthliteracy.com/calculator.html
The Partnership has also developed a new **Ask Me 3 Presentation Tool Kit:** www.askme3.org/PFCHC/
Download the **Pfizer Principles for Clear Health Communication Handbook** in PDF format at www.pfizerhealthliteracy.com/improving.html.

ProLiteracy Worldwide is now the oldest and largest nongovernmental literacy organization in the world and pursues a mission of sponsoring educational programs that help adults and their families acquire the literacy practices and skills they need to function more effectively in their daily lives. www.proliteracy.org. ProLiteracy Worldwide's annual report, **A Global Commitment to Literacy**, may be viewed at <http://proliteracy.org/downloads/ProLiteracyWorldwideAnnualReport02-03.pdf>.

SMOG Readability Formula: The SMOG formula is a recommended and tested method for grading the readability of written materials. The method is quick, simple to use and particularly useful for shorter materials. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/ads/smog.htm>

TOFHLA: Ref: Baker, D. W., Williams, M. V., Parker, R. M., Gazmararian, J. A. and Nurss, J. R. (1999) Development of a brief test to measure functional health literacy. *Patient Education and Counseling*, 38, 33–42.; <http://education.gsu.edu/csai/site/function1.htm>; "Health Literacy Assessments of Patients in Rural Florida", Kimberly Harper, Ph.D., M.P.H., Melva Thompson-Robinson, Dr.P.H., Marisa Lewis, Pharm.D., M.P.H. *Texas Journal of Rural Health* 2003; 21(3): 3-8
<http://www.ttuhsc.edu/tjrh/xxi3/Harper.htm>;

Health literacy: a challenge for American patients and their health care providers, Ruth Parker, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA; *Health Promotion International*, Vol. 15, No. 4, 277-283, December 2000 © Oxford University Press 2000

REALM: Ref: Davis TC, Long SW, Jackson RH, et al. *Rapid estimate of adult literacy in medicine: a shortened screening instrument*. Fam Med 1993;25:391-5.

CULTURAL COMPETENCE

AMA (Med Ed Products) Cultural Competence Compendium: A resource for physicians seeking to provide individualized, respectful, patient-centered care. www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/2661.html

American Academy of Pediatrics Department of Community Pediatrics website on culturally effective pediatric care: www.aap.org/commpeps/cepc

American Family Physician - Cultural Competence: Understanding patients' diverse cultures -- their values, traditions, history and institutions -- is integral to eliminating health care disparities and providing high-quality patient care. <http://www.aafp.org/fpm/20001000/58cult.html>

American Psychological Association - APA Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services to Ethnic, Linguistic, and Culturally Diverse Populations: Psychological service providers need a sociocultural framework to consider diversity of values, interactional styles, and cultural expectations in a systematic fashion. <http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/guide.html>

Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF): works to build better futures for disadvantaged children and their families in the United States. The primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families. <http://www.aecf.org/>

Assuring Cultural Competence in Health Care: Recommendations for National Standards and an Outcomes-Focused Research Agenda. Recommendations for National Standards and a National Public Comment Process, produced for the Office of Minority Health, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services. <http://www.omhrc.gov/clas/>

Chan, S. (1992). **Families with Asian roots**, in E. W. Lynch & M. J. Hanson (Eds) *Developing cross-cultural competence: A guide for working with young children and their families* (181-257). Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes.

Cross Cultural Health Care Program: Recognizing the diversity and the different ways to health, the mission of the Cross Cultural Health Care Program is to serve as a bridge between communities and health care institutions to ensure full access to quality health care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate. www.xculture.org/

Cultural Competency Web Page: <http://www.air-dc.org/cecp/cultural/>

Cultural Competency Resources: <http://cecp.air.org/cultural/resources.htm>; <http://www.sshsac.org/General/ResourceLinksCulturalCompetence.asp>

Designing and Evaluating Interventions to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care. Lisa A. Cooper, Martha N. Hill, and Neil R. Powe, *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, vol. 17, no. 6, June 2002.

Diversity Rx: Diversity Rx is a clearinghouse of information on how to meet the language and cultural needs of minorities, immigrants, refugees and other diverse populations seeking health care.

www.diversityrx.org/

Dunn AM. **Culture competence and the primary care provider.** *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*, 2002;16:105-111. <http://www.jpeds.org/>

Durham M, Madansky D, Lowell M, et al. **Establishing Interpreter Services in Health Care Settings.** Amherst, MA: Diversity Resources; 2001. Contact Diversity Resources at 1-800-865-5549.

Dynamics of Race, Culture, and Key Indicators of Health In the Nation's 100 Largest Cities and Their Suburbs. This report profiles the 2000 status of and changes since 1990 in rates of health and health-related measures for racially and culturally diverse populations living in the nation's largest cities and their suburbs. Data were drawn from the US Census Bureau and CDC to identify patterns in race/ethnicity, foreign-born status, language use, poverty, income, low birth weight, teen births, prenatal care, and tuberculosis. This report is the second in a series known as the Social and Health Landscape of Urban and Suburban America Reports. To learn more visit www.downstate.edu/healthdata

Models for the Provision of Language Access in Health Care Settings. The National Council on Interpreting in Healthcare Working Papers Series; 2002. <http://www.ncihc.org>

National Center for Cultural Competence: The mission of the National Center for Cultural Competence (NCCC) is to increase the capacity of health care and mental health programs to design, implement and evaluate culturally and linguistically competent service delivery systems.

www.georgetown.edu/research/gucdc/nccc/

National Medical Association's **Cultural Competence Primer:** available as a PDF document at www.askme3.org/pdfs/NMAPrimer.pdf

Planning Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services: A Guide for Managed Care Plans:

To address shifting demographic trends in health care, this guide offers health plans an approach to defining the needs of multi-ethnic members and developing culturally and linguistically appropriate services for them. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) commissioned this guide, as well as a companion guide, Providing Oral Linguistic Services (select for Summary). Both were developed by a contractor of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

www.ahrq.gov/about/cods/plancas.htm

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Familydoctor.org from the American Academy of Family Physicians: health information for the whole family. www.familydoctor.org

Healthtouch Online: A resource that brings together information from trusted sources on topics such as medications, health, diseases, supplements and natural medicine. <http://www.healthtouch.com/default.asp>

MedlinePlus: This site has extensive information from the National Institutes of Health and other trusted sources on over 650 diseases and conditions. There are also lists of hospitals and physicians, a medical encyclopedia and a medical dictionary, health information in Spanish, extensive information on prescription and nonprescription drugs, health information from the media, and links to thousands of clinical trials. MedlinePlus is updated daily, there is no advertising on this site, nor does MedlinePlus endorse any company or product. <http://www.medlineplus.gov>

NHLBI Health Information and Publications: information for patients and the public. <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/>

Pain Net, Inc. - In 1990, PAIN NET, INC. was founded by physicians, educators, and business professionals to address a "flagship" approach to pain management that would train physicians and healthcare professionals in treating patients in a more comprehensive manner. Since its inception, PAIN NET, INC. has developed a proven track record and a commitment to excellence that has resulted in a "world-class" reputation for pain management, research, physician training, and development of successful patient treatment and teaching programs. www.painnet.com

The Medem Network – connecting physicians and patients online. Together with leading health care partners, Medem has established a physician-patient communications network, designed to facilitate online access to information and care physicians, their practices and their patients. Medem's Medical Library represents the full range of patient education information from our partner medical societies and other trusted sources. <http://www.medem.com/>

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Center for Health Services Research and Policy: www.gwhealthpolicy.org

Children's Health Insurance Information (eg, SCHIP, Medicaid): This site is intended to provide materials of interest to various audiences regarding the passage of SCHIP, also known as Title XXI, as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. www.aap.org/advocacy/schip.htm

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RESEARCH SITES/SEARCH ENGINES

AcademyHealth: is the professional home for health services researchers, policy analysts, and practitioners, and a leading, non-partisan resource for the best in health research and policy. It is the national program office for two health policy initiatives: **State Coverage Initiatives** and **Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization**. and is also a contractor for both the **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) User Liaison Program** and the **U.S. National Library of Medicine HSRProj (Health Services Research Projects in Progress)** program. <http://www.academyhealth.org/>

Duke University's Center for Health Policy, Law and Management: An instigator and facilitator of a broad range of research related to public health and the policies that address it. Their mission: to stimulate and facilitate collaborative, interdisciplinary research by faculty and students at Duke University in health policy and disseminate research findings on health policy to persons who make health policy decisions. <http://www.hpolicy.duke.edu/>

Duke Health Policy Gateway: Links to sites with information re health care policy, statistics, and profiles and comparisons of health care systems. <http://www.hpolicy.duke.edu/cyberexchange/>

Hardin Meta-Dictionary of Internet Health Sources: A medical search tool for links to the best web sites and resources on diseases & conditions, health disciplines and other related subjects. www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md/index.html

HospitalConnect™: links together the Internet sites for dozens of organizations serving health care providers. This health leadership portal, found at www.hospitalconnect.com, makes it faster and more convenient for you to access information from member sites, no matter where you are going within the HospitalConnect™ family.

Institute for Child Health Policy: The Institute for Child Health Policy focuses its attention on issues of access, utilization, cost, quality and family involvement in both their policy and program development and health services research. www.ichp.edu

The Institute of Medicine: serves as adviser to the nation to improve health. As an independent, scientific adviser, the Institute of Medicine strives to provide advice that is unbiased, based on evidence, and grounded in science. The mission of the Institute of Medicine embraces the health of people everywhere. www.iom.edu.
A list of the reports that have been released from the Institute of Medicine since 1998 can be viewed at www.iom.edu/reports.asp

Maternal and Child Health Library Organizations Database: contains national and selected regional and state organizations that provide information on MCH topics. Each entry on these lists includes the organization's address, phone/fax numbers, e-mail and Web site addresses (if available), and contact person, along with a description of the organization's activities.

www.mchlibrary.info/databases/orgmenu.html

PEDINFO: An Index of the Pediatric Internet: Main source of pediatric information, such as general forums, condition- or disease-specific information, areas of study, institutions, health education, publications, software, and medical informatics. This web page provides general information about culturally effective pediatric care and specific information, such as related Academy Policy Statements and projects supported by the Department of Community Pediatrics. <http://www.pedinfo.org>; <http://www.generalpediatrics.com>

State Health Facts Online (Kaiser Family Foundation): This resource contains the latest state-level data on demographics, health, and health policy, including health coverage, access, financing, and state legislation. <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/>

Stateline.org is a non-partisan, non-profit online news publication that reports each weekday on state government. Stateline.org features original stories reported and written by staff journalists who track policy trends and highlight people and events that affect state politics. It also provides statistical data and daily and weekly email newsletters. www.stateline.org

Scirus: the search engine for science, focuses only on Web pages containing scientific content and is the most comprehensive science-specific search engine on the Internet. Driven by the latest search engine technology, Scirus searches over 167 million science-specific Web pages, enabling you to pinpoint scientific, scholarly, technical and medical data on the Web, find the latest reports, peer-reviewed articles and journals that other search engines miss, and it offers unique functionalities designed for scientists and researchers. <http://www.scirus.com>

The Clearinghouse on International Developments in Child, Youth and Family Policies (Columbia University): The Clearinghouse provides cross-national comparative information about the policies, programs, benefits and services available in the advanced industrialized countries to address child, youth and family needs. <http://www.childpolicyintl.org/>

U.S. Census 2000: available at <http://www.census.gov>

PROJECT PARTNERS

AAP Chapter: Alabama Academy of Pediatrics www.alchapaap.org/

AAFP Chapter: Alabama Academy of Family Physicians www.aafp.org/chapterweb/alabama.html

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The National Rural Health Association: A national membership organization, whose mission is to improve the health and health care of rural Americans and to provide leadership on rural issues through advocacy, communications, education and research. <http://www.nrharural.org/>

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African American Health Links

Exploring African-American on the web: <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/AfroAm.html>

National Association of Black Social Workers: This organization was formed in response to issues related to providing human services in the Black community, educating social workers for effective service in the Black community, and providing opportunities for participation of Black social workers in the social welfare arena. Membership in NABSW is open to Black people working in human services and is not predicated upon degree or experience. <http://ssw.unc.edu/professional/NABSW.html>

National Black Nurses Association: African American nurses have to take the lead in order to make a difference in the quality of life in their communities. <http://www.nbna.org/>

National Medical Association: has been firmly established in a leadership role in medicine with nearly 100 affiliated societies throughout the nation and U.S. territories. <http://www.nmanet.org/>

Hispanic / Latino Health Links

Autism Resources in Spanish: 18 different links to information about understanding autism; an autism checklist on common characteristics of the disorder; tips for parents on coping with a child's diagnosis and living with autism across the lifespan; a variety of treatment options and educational approaches and programs to help a child with autism such as developing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP); and information on Federal programs, to name a few. <http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer>

FIRSTGOV - The U.S. Government's Official Web Portal in Spanish

A federal Spanish-language version of FirstGov, a government-run Web site that provides information about official programs and services, as part of President Bush's plan to use the Internet to improve public access to government information. FirstGov en Espanol, is a centralized collection of major federal agencies' Web pages translated into Spanish. <http://www.firstgov.gov/Espanol/index.html>

Hispanic Dental Association: to provide a voice for the Hispanic oral health professional in the United States, to promote the oral health of the Hispanic community through improved prevention, treatment and education, to foster research and knowledge concerning Hispanic oral health problems, to disseminate information to both Hispanic dental professionals and the community at large, to provide a worldwide source of continuing education for oral health professionals serving the Hispanic community, and to stimulate interest and encourage entry of Hispanics into oral health careers. <http://www.hdassoc.org/>

Latino Health Institute: the Latino Health Institute is a community-based professional organization that promotes the health of the community, its institutions, families, and individuals through effective interventions that are culturally competent and technologically appropriate. <http://www.lhi.org>

League of United Latin American Citizens: <http://www.lulac.org>

National Council of La Raza: <http://www.nclr.org>

National Hispanic Medical Association: provides policymakers and health care providers with expert information and support in strengthening health service delivery to Hispanic communities across the nation. <http://home.earthlink.net/~nhma/>

American Diabetes Association: <http://www.diabetes.org/enespanol/spanish.jsp>

HIV In Site (primary care for infants and children with HIV – info in English and Spanish with links to other sites):
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite?page=li-04-22>

Hispanic Health Information Outreach: Recommendations for NLM Strategy and Tactics. Submitted By: Marlo Maldonado Young. National Library of Medicine Associate Fellowship Program, August 2001. www.nlm.gov/evaluation/cbo/hispanicoutreach.pdf

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) is the largest national constituency-based Hispanic organization and the leading voice in Washington, DC for the Hispanic community <http://www.nclr.org/> (<http://www.nclr.org/content/topics/detail/481/> - page with health information, links and teaching tools)

Las Culturas.com: A collection of the best web sites on the internet about Latino and Hispanic Cultures, including history, cultures, traditions, people, health information and more. <http://www.lasculturas.com>

Hispanic Health Needs Assessment: A Community Guide for Documenting Health Status and Establishing Priorities – a report funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson foundation that incorporates the new health objectives from **Healthy People 2010** with respect to health disparities and

the Hispanic population http://www.hispanichealth.org/hhna2001_1.pdf

National Alliance of Hispanic Health, whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of Hispanics, is the Nations oldest and largest network of Hispanic health and human services providers. www.hispanichealth.org

Su Familia National Hispanic Family Health Helpline (866-783-2645/866-SU-FAMILIA): a toll-free bilingual information center for Hispanic health consumers. The helpline is staffed by bilingual health information specialists who can answer callers' questions, refer them to one of over 16,000 local health providers (including community and migrant health centers) and provide bilingual fact sheets on a variety of health topics, including asthma, cancer screening, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, immunizations, HIV/AIDS and domestic violence. Supported by HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Office of Minority Health, Su Familia was developed and is operated by the National Alliance for Hispanic Health. The Alliance also provides two other bilingual helpline services: the National Hispanic Prenatal Helpline (800-504-7081) and the National Hispanic Indoor Air Quality Helpline (800-SALUD-12).

Native American Health Links

Association of American Indian Physicians: Dedicated to excellence in Native American healthcare by promoting education in the medical disciplines, honoring traditional healing practices and restoring the balance of mind, body, and spirit. <http://www.aaip.com/>

Committee on Native American Child Health (CONACH): From the American Academy of Pediatrics, (CONACH) is committed to increasing awareness of the major health problems facing Native American children. <http://www.aap.org/visit/conachww.htm>

Indian Health Service: The Indian Health Service (IHS) is an agency within the US Department of Health and Human Services and is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for Indian people, and its goal is to assure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people. The IHS currently provides health services to approximately 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to more than 557 federally recognized tribes in 34 states. <http://www.ihs.gov/>

National Indian Child Welfare Association: <http://www.nicwa.org/>

National Indian Health Board: The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) represents Tribal Governments that operate their own health care delivery systems through contracting and compacting, as well as those that receive health care directly from the Indian Health Service. <http://www.nihb.org/>

The Native Health History Database: The NHHD is a centralized, nationally accessible, computerized information resource containing complete bibliographic information and abstracts on historical American Indian and Alaska Native Medical/Health research reports. <http://hsc.unm.edu/library/nhd/>

Native Health Research Database: Provide a high quality, single source of information services and resources focused on contemporary American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) health/medical issues to promote current and future epidemiological, research, and health program development efforts in AI/AN

communities and to contribute to raising the health status of the AI/AN population.

<http://hsc.unm.edu/library/nhd/>

United States Department of Health and Human Services: Indian Health Services: Head Start Programs: <http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/HeadStart/>

Asian American Health Links

Asian Pacific American Heritage: May is Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month—a celebration of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States. This site provides info on history, timelines, foods, language and fun ideas. <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/asianhistory1.html>

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations: Created to improve the health status of Asians and Pacific Islanders within the United States and its territories, with a special focus on the medically underserved. This mission is to be accomplished by increasing the quality, accessibility and availability of comprehensive community based health care that is linguistically and culturally appropriate for these populations. <http://www.aapcho.org/>

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum: APIAHF is a national advocacy organization dedicated to promoting policy, program and research efforts for the improvement of health status of all Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Through policy analysis, research, information dissemination, and community capacity building activities we strive to assure the health and well-being of Asian and Pacific Islanders throughout the United States. <http://www.apiahf.org/>

Asian Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS): This organization was created to fill a void in behavioral health care for the Asian Pacific community. The founding members were concerned about the well-being of the Asian Family; they wanted children to thrive in supportive environments and adults to develop their potential as fully as possible. <http://www.acmhs.org/>

Chinese American Medical Society: The Society is incorporated as a non-profit, charitable, educational, and scientific society. The founders of the Society and the current membership have been guided by the following objectives: To promote the scientific association of medical professionals of Chinese descent, to advance medical knowledge and scientific research with emphasis on aspects unique to the Chinese, to establish scholarships to medical dental students and to provide endowments to medical schools and hospitals of good standing, and to promote the health status of Chinese Americans. <http://www.camsociety.org/>

Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies: To foster communication and association of medical societies sharing the common goal in enhancing the medical care of Chinese in North America and facilitating the professional development of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian physicians. <http://www.fcmsdocs.org/>

Other

The National Arab-American Medical Association: <http://www.naama.com/>

Irish-American Heritage: <http://irishamericanheritage.com>